

Some Faces of the Plains

AND THEIR HALF BROTHERS
RELATED BY ONE WHO DWELT LONG AMONGST
THEM—PICTURED, TRADITIONS AND
LEGENDS OF THE NATIVES OF THE
WESTERN PLAINS

COMING—OVER THE HILL
TELLS A TALE AT
OWN FRESIDIE—THE
YOUNG BRAVES STEAL
HORSES FROM THE
BLACKFEET—THE PUR-
SUIT—THREE DAYS IN A
BUFFALO SKELETON—A
SLEEPING SIOUX—WELL-
COME HOME.

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A Long Lived Indian

It is no mean privilege to have
talked, in the second decade of
the twentieth century, with an In-
dian who was born in the last de-
cade of the eighteenth century, and
who, as a young man, has lived un-
der the reign of six British suc-
cessors, George III, George IV, Wil-
liam IV, Victoria, Edward
VII, and George V. For
years this Indian, who died only
two years ago, was subject to the
rule of the Hudson's Bay Com-
pany, who sovereignly treated him
with the transfer in 1870 of
Rupert's Land, and from the com-
pany to the Dominion of Canada.
Such an Indian was my old friend,
"Old-Over-the-Hill." There is
ample proof that at the time of
his death, he was over 120 years of
age.

In connection with life among
the Cree Indians, there is perhaps
nothing more interesting than
their stories of the events in by-
gone days.

These tales usually related
either to battles, fought in war
with the Blackfeet, or to home-
steads of peace. "Old-Over-the-
Hill" brought home to me the vic-
tors was invariably met with the
victims as the number of the young
men captured and brought
home, and the number of their far-
away home in the north?

One gratifying feature of this
life-statement was that
"Old-Over-the-Hill" was not
this-till being exacted from the
men and aged women only.

By the Fire

It was often my privilege, dur-
ing long winter evenings of the
late eighties, and early nineties, to
drop into the old "Hudson's"
and while the dry logs
crackled in the fireplace, and the
fire burned on the hearth, and the
chimney, we would listen to his
well told tales. "Old-Over-the-
Hill" speak for himself.

Peace With the Blackfeet

"When I was 16 years of age,
my parents with other young peo-
ple, were camped at Mc-Na-
cork (Cypress Hills) in the
third month of the New Year. For
many months our enemies, the
Blackfeet, had not been molesting
us, and our young men were im-
patient for something exciting to
do. Our blood was not cooled,
and we were impatient for the war-
path, but the wise men and
elders, who were with us, said
one thing for us to do, and
we could not go to war and capture
young men, we could steal
horses."

Off With The Larious

"Five others with myself, the
eldest only 22 years of age, made
up a party to go south on foot.
We went with us a few horses,
made from untanned buffalo hide,
and our bows and arrows.

"We went as far as we could
to find food to keep us alive. We traveled
always by night, hiding
under the stars, taking turns in
sleeping and watching, as a guard
against attack from an enemy or
from an animal.

Crossing Milk River

At the end of five days we
reached Milk River, more than
100 miles from our home camp.
The Milk River was a
breaking up. We crossed on the
ice floes, many times falling off
the water, owing to the darkness
of the night.

When we reached the other side
of the water, we were tired from
being crushed among the floating ice.

The Blackfoot Camp

"Three moons came and went
before we found a Blackfoot
camp. We located it in a deep
valley. By this time we had
come in sight of the lofty hills we
the Astoria Watchers (Rocky
Mountains). All day we slept
and watched up to high hills.
Some time after dark dancing be-
gan in the Blackfoot camp. I de-
termined to go down to see
them. I could do this easily be-
cause some time before when I

was a mere child I had been in
captivity among the Blackfeet for
two years and had learned their
language.

At The Blackfoot Dance

"I danced with the others.
I smoked with their old men, and
my young men, and I was being
for the time, at peace with
these people, we could not carry
off their young women as wives.

"When the dance had become
hot and noisy I stole back to my
friends and told them where the
horses might be found. Each
chose a suitable rider from the
herd of my band, but I could
not be satisfied with any of these,
because on my way out, through
the large camp of more than a
thousand leather tents I had passed
the chief of the band, and he
would have killed me.

The Chief's Stallion

There I had seen tethered near
the chief's tent a black stallion.
He was tall, his mane as
long as my arm, his tail touched
the ground, and he was covered
with glossy as feathers, and the vein
stood out like fish scales on his
side. I must have seen this steed,
but how? For a long distance
I had been in the camp of the
Blackfeet. Suddenly the stallion
moving fast along the ground,
muttered, a deep barked out, the
noise of the dancing was in my
ears, and I was in the saddle, and
I was on the tether string, and then,
walking on all fours, I led the
stallion, and I was in the camp of
the camp before I mounted.

In Pursuit

The Blackfoot dance must have
been kept up all night, because we
saw no one in pursuit until the
morning of the next day. I had
had counted our horses and
found 32 animals.
The abduction of the stallion
from the chief's tent, my far-
away home in the north?

"On the morning of the seventh day
we knew that the Blackfeet were
gradually drawing nearer. They
were only a league, straight ahead
of us, while we must ride first night,
then left, keeping our horses bunched
together."

"Next day it was decided we
must part with many of our horses,
because we were not to be over-
taken. By the morning of the next
day, we were out all but 50 of the
best, and the others were wandering
by this move we gained nearly
200 miles, and we were meeting
halted to catch the wandering
horses, and start them towards
their far-off camp."

"On the morning of the ninth day,
while racing fast, I was
thrown from my horse and was
left. Before my comrades missed
me, the Blackfeet were only a few
miles away. There was no chance
for the Blackfeet to return to the
camp. I had no horse. For a few
moments the Blackfeet disappeared
behind a hill, and I was alone."

A Way of Escape

Just then I saw a buffalo skeleton
partially covered by the
skin. Into it I crawled out
of sight. Soon the Blackfeet
came, and I was in the skin for
three days I remained in the skeleton
without food or drink. At the
close of the third day of my con-
finement the Blackfeet rode back
and I was out of the skin, and
my friends had reached home, but
with only twenty horses left.

Roast Rabbit

I slept in a clump of small trees
and away from the horses, and
coming toward me. As he
looked into my face I tapped him
lightly on the head with my stick,
and kindling a fire with flint and
punk, soon had a roast rabbit for
breakfast."

A Sleeping Sioux

When the sun was highest in the
sky, I was alone, a ravine
think of my surprise on seeing a
Sioux hunter sitting under a tree
sleeping with his head on his knees.
Nearby a fine horse was feeding
on the grass, and I was in the
trap of rawhide tied around his
neck, the other end wound firmly
around the hand of the sleeping
Indian.

Quickly and quietly I cut the
string and mounted, leaving the
hunter sleeping on.

A Find of Horses

As darkness fell around me I
approached another ravine where

snake could be seen rising into
the air.

"I had come upon a camp of
Sioux hunters, and I was in the
evening dance began I had a
chance to find their herd of horses,
cut out 10 head, and start
for home.

Home At Last

"As night came on again I was
within sight of my home. As I
drew near I heard my friends
chanting the death wail, having
been told that I was killed by the
Blackfeet. I slept out all night
and before the sun came up I
rode into camp with my thirty
horses.

I have not glad to see me, my
friends were glad to see me, my
one trying to be the first to
kiss me."

A New Educational System is Necessary

Discussion of Radical Changes in
Rural System and General
Administration

The annual convention of the
Saskatchewan School Trustees
Association will be held in the
Western Methodist Church, Sas-
katoon, on the 24th and 25th inst.

Matters which vitally affect
every school in the Province
will be under consideration
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(1) Municipal School Admin-
istration. William Irwin, the
chairman of the Free School
Board in Manitoba will be present
to explain the system and how it
works.

The Report of the Assessment
and Taxation Commission of
Manitoba will be presented in
port on our present system of
rural schools.

The present system is a relic
of pioneer days and was inevitable
in the unorganized territory
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 1920

The regular Gleichen Board of Trade meeting has been postponed until next Monday night, when it is hoped every member will be in attendance as important business will be brought before the meeting.

Statistics of interest to business men have been made up by one of the greatest financial agencies of America, and include the fact that of all the failures in 1920, eighty-four per cent. were of firms that did not advertise their wares.

The final revised estimate of crop values issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics on the basis of the latest prices for field products places the 1920 crop at \$1,455,241,050, as compared with \$1,452,437,500 in 1919, and \$1,872,985,970 in 1918.

Beyond doubt there are exceptions to all rules. The latest is that a lady refused to speak of the house Premier Oliver formally offered Mary Ellen Smith, M.L.A., of Vancouver, the speakership of the British Columbia Legislature, and Mrs. Smith refused to accept the honor. It is said this is the first time in the world's history this honored position has been offered a woman.

Sheriff Grant of Louisiana surely is a very busy man as it is stated he has written a letter to Governor Parker asking what to do with a negro prisoner convicted of murder, who the sheriff should have hanged on Feb. 4th, but he was so busy the scheduled hanging had "completely slipped my mind". No doubt Lonnie Eaton, the convicted negro, is glad the sheriff's mind slipped rather than his rope. Wonder if our friend W. W. would forget a little matter of this kind?

There are two things that an editor enjoys, faithful correspondents and early news. This paper should be better represented throughout the district than it is and we would appreciate correspondence from every locality in the Gleichen district. This paper has a large and ever growing circulation and it would be advantageous to all to have a weekly record of the happenings of each locality. If you have not the time at your disposal to write, then let us have it over the 'phone. If it happens to be a long distance call, reverse the charges and we will assume the responsibility. Writing is generally more satisfactory and it is important to make initials and names very plain; it is better to print these. However, the main thing is to let us have the news and we will do our utmost to help. Never take it for granted we know it all—we don't, but want to, that we may tell the world.

After years of hard work the farmers of Queenstown district have succeeded in getting D. C. Coleman, Vice-President of the western division of the C.P.R., to promise to recommend to his company the construction of the Lomond-Blackie line at as early a date as possible. About fifteen delegates from Lomond, Milo, Majorville, Arrowwood and Blackie, headed by Hon. C. R. Mitchell, Acting Premier, waited on Mr. Coleman last Thursday at Calgary and report they were most agreeably surprised with the friendly reception accorded them by him and also very much pleased with the straight-forward and business-like way Mr. Coleman dealt with the matters they placed before him. They, however, had very strong arguments in their favor, which were placed in a most convincing manner and they have every right to feel proud that at last their efforts have prevailed and before long their efforts will be rewarded.

Germany, of course, lost territory and resources as a result of the war. But making allowance for that, her ability to sustain a public debt must still be greater than that of France. Germany has no ruined factories to rebuild; no deliberately destroyed coal mines to put in working order again; no working population seeking their old houses and finding nothing but debris. With peace fully restored and the indemnity fixed, it is hardly to be doubted that German commerce and industrial expansion will be resumed on a grand scale. Of course, the nerve of German motive to labor must not be out. The human element must be weighed as well as the financial. A Germany without hope would be a dead weight on the world. But with all notions of enslaving or perpetually impoverishing Germany ruled out, it is preposterous to pretend that she cannot pay in indemnity at least one-half as much as the war has cost France.

SCHEDULE BOW VALLEY HOCKEY LEAGUE

Structure	Feb. 2	Feb. 3
Gleichen	Feb. 11	Feb. 18
Basin	Feb. 12	Feb. 19
Basin at	Feb. 13	Feb. 20
Gleichen at	Feb. 14	Feb. 21

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Mr. Mitchell thanked Mr. Coleman for arranging the meeting with farmers, and said they appreciated it. C. Barnes, of Milo, who had prepared the statistic, said he had raised 35,000 bushels from two sections, and he had paid \$6,500 for haulage \$7,500 to the railway for freight, estimated, on this basis, that the way would have a revenue of \$90,000 mile for every mile served, not speak of passenger traffic and cattle traffic.

Mr. Coleman asked if all the south of the river on the reserve open for farming.

Mr. Hoedley said that 25,000 acres it was still in the hands of the Indians but was being largely opened up.

Among the farmers present were E. C. Barnes, W. D. Trego, M. Mu John Campbell, Milton Ward, Lu Shadow, Mr. Culp, W. Hall, C Macumber, David Brown, N. G. Mr. Shouldice. They represented

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Local and District News

The Board of Trade Post Room
Committee stands on Friday, Feb 18.
Don't forget the whole drives in
the local Club Rooms here every
Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Hall and
children are now on the Pacific
coast enjoying a vacation.

James Gibson left last week to
spend a few weeks at Vancouver
and other western points.

On Feb. 25th the Queenstown
Women's Institute are putting on a
concert and dance in the hall.

The Ladies Circle of the Union
Church announce they will hold a
sale of work on Saturday, April 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Fols. Desjardins
are happy in the arrival at their
home of a 9-point girl on Sunday,
Feb. 18th.

The Gleichen Bussard started
Monday. Great interest is being
manifested by all the players. The
results will be published next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Henderson
left on Friday for Vancouver for a
holiday. Mr. Henderson has been
suffering from rheumatism. It is hoped
the change will prove beneficial.

Sincere sympathy is extended to
Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Melnyk, who
lost their infant boy, aged 5 days,
died in Calgary on Friday, February
11th, and was brought to Gleichen
for burial.

Much sympathy is expressed for
Mr. and Mrs. George Spike of Cluny
in the loss of their infant boy, aged
11 days, on Friday, Feb. 11th.
The funeral took place at Gleichen
on Saturday.

J. P. Nelson, one mile east and a
mile south of Wanders, is having a
big auction sale on Saturday, Feb.
26th, of horses, cows, farm machin-
ery, harness, etc. N. M. Prater
will be the auctioneer.

Notice of Estray Animals

On the premises of Mr. Clifton, near
the intersection of the 17th and 22nd
Ave. N. E. brown gelding, one hind leg
white, star on forehead, saddle marks
aged, branded G. S. right shoulder.

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